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| <b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/582,113 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>FUCHS ET AL. |  |
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**Date of Interview:** 24 May 2010

**Type of Interview:**  
☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No  
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**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:  
*rejection of the Iclaims as in the rejection of record*

Claims discussed:  
*14-28.*

Prior art documents discussed:  
*art of record, in particular EP 0734758.*

  

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*the focus of the discussion was centered in the differences between the position of the feed tank or feed distribution space with respect to the feed space elements 12 and 13 in current figures. The language in Iaim14 reads on "the feed distribution space spaced positioned laterally and at least partially around the at least one feed space"; that language covers tanks or chambers located near the filter tank, including the lower section receiving the feed from the bottom at a lateral inlet opening which are partially around a portion of the tank(see EP'758. The feeding and receiving tanks are in communication with the filter(membranes) and although the feed taks in EP are not mounted one on the side of the housing for the membranes, the embodiment including one fee distributor mounted at the outside of the filter housing is not positiviley claimed in this applicatiion, and the connection of the feed distribution tank in current invention does not exclude the use of feed conduits to connect the fluid with the filter feed space. We agree in tha claim (14) and corresponding claim directed to the process of using the filter (claim 26) need to be amended to provide more structure of the whole compact filtration unit.*

  

**Part III.**

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  

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